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Ann

- Ann lives in a small Michigan town
- She wants to own her own business
- How does she know …

Ann's questions…

- What business to go into?

- How much money she'll need?

- How to approach the bank?

- What's a business plan?

- How does she incorporate?

John

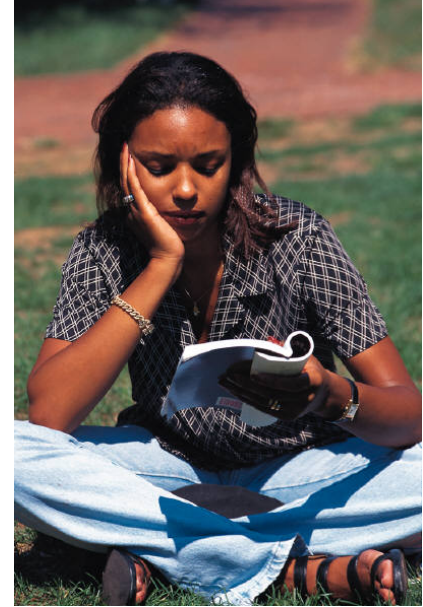- Has just been diagnosed with diabetes
- He needs to know …

John's questions…

- What doctors specialize in diabetes care in his area?

- How can he evaluate health information he finds on the Internet?

- How can he learn more about diabetes care?

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Claire

- College student
- She's writing papers for her undergraduate degree
- How can she find out …

Claire's questions…

- Can she get full-text articles and newspaper materials on her computer?

- Can she borrow books from other libraries?

- What is a reliable source on the Internet?

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Scott

- Scott has to write a report on wolverines (and it's 8 p.m. and it's due tomorrow!)

Where To Look?

- What's the first place people look for information?

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business |Search| **Advanced Search**
Preferences

Web Books   Results **1** - **10** of about **1,380,000,000** for **business** [definition]. (**0.11** seconds)

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- Statewide Library Catalog
- Evaluated Best Web Sites
- MeL Michigana

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Disability Resources
Education
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MeL Databases

MeL databases contain full-text articles from magazines, journals and newspapers as well as digital books.
See all databases.

MeL Catalog

Find books and more in libraries throughout Michigan with MeLCat! Have the items you want delivered to your closest participating library.

MeL Multisearch

Search multiple research databases simultaneously.

MeL Michigana

Digitized historical resources from around Michigan and the image collections of the Archives of Michigan.

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Full-Text Periodicals List

Michigan Educators' Resources

MeL Kids

MeL Teens

eBooks

MeL Databases

- 40 commercial databases with research materials for all ages and needs

- Business periodicals and investments

- Popular magazines and newspapers like the New York Times and Detroit News

- Science & technology reviews

- General periodicals to support schools and education

- Ability to search multiple databases at once

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MeLCat

- Shared online catalog of materials in Michigan libraries

- Find out what libraries own

- One click orders your item

- Library-to-library delivery

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MeL Best of the Web

- Professionally evaluated Internet sites

- Only the best!

- Browse-able and searchable

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MeL Michigana

- Digitized primary sources from around Michigan

- Michigan Archives

- Making of Modern Michigan

- University of Michigan Digital Library with Digitization for Preservation and Access (DPA) Grant projects

MeL is Accessible

- Accessible from any Michigan library or from a Michigan resident's home or workplace

- 24 hours a day, seven days a week

- Libraries provide training, though most databases don't need any specialized knowledge to use

- Free to Michigan residents

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Ann

- Using MeL business databases Ann learned that coffee shops were a booming business and one she could afford to get into. Thanks to MeL Best of the Web she developed a business plan that the bank approved and got her loan.

John

- Using MeL Best of the Web, John learned about evaluating information on health Web sites to research his illness and found a doctor in his area who specializes in diabetes care. Using MeLCat, he ordered a cookbook for people with diabetes.

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Claire

- Learned that all Internet sites are not alike. She also wrote a terrific term paper on the politics of alternative fuels using MeL Databases to get full-text articles and borrowing books through MeLCat.

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Scott

- Scott's parents were able to login to MeL Databases using a driver's license from home. Scott finished his paper and turned it in on time.

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Awards

- 2006 Best of the Web for State Government to Citizen category from the Center for Digital Government

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Michigan Wins!

- Providing information to Michigan residents, businesses, students, teachers, and legislature benefits all of us.

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MeL Statistics

- Michiganians ordered 19,791,087 articles during fiscal year 2004-2005. If charged an average commercial fee of $15.00 per article, the cost to residents would have exceeded $2.96 billion.

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More Cost Avoidance

- In 2006, MeL databases cost $3.9 million

- In 2006, if every school, public library, college and university had purchased these databases separately it would have cost over $193 million

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Add 23 million items to your local library!

- Over 23 million items are available in MeLCat

- Weekly requests in 2007 are averaging 6,562 items

- In 2006 MeLCat delivered 184,786 items

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MeLCat

- 154 participating libraries
  - 34 academic
  - 101 public
  - 17 K-12
  - 2 special
- 7.3 million bibliographic records

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MeL Databases

- RFP issued in September 2006 for next three-year round of funding

- Contracts negotiated in March and April

- New array of databases announced in June

- New services start in October 2007

MeL Best of the Web

- Completely new, open-source software
- Move to a volunteer model
- Michigan focus with some exceptions:
  - Reference
  - Education
  - Libraries and Librarianship

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What's New?

- A whole new interface
- MeL Internet => MeL Best of the Web
- MeL Michigana
- New technology behind the scenes
- Michigan Educators' Resources (MER)
- MeL Advanced Search => MeL Multisearch

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MeL Coordination
at the Library of Michigan

- All things MeL!
  - Public relations & marketing
  - Oversight of support contracts
  - Vendor and database contracts
  - User interface and further development

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